

**STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENSE
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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
OF ATTORNEY REPRESENTATION FOR INDIGENT PARENTS
IN DEPENDENCY AND TERMINATION CASES**

The Washington State Office of Public Defense (OPD) Parents Representation Program (PRP) provides state funded attorney representation and case support services to indigent parents, custodians and legal guardians involved in child dependency and termination of parental rights proceedings in 25 of the 39 Washington counties. OPD is requesting applications for the following counties:

Grays Harbor: Up to a full time caseload beginning July 1, 2013.

Yakima: A part time contract of up to 50% of a full time caseload beginning July 1, 2013.

Kittitas: A part time contract of up to 25% of a full time caseload beginning July 1, 2013.

Clark: A part time contract of up to 60% of a full time caseload beginning July 1, 2013.

All PRP Counties: Although OPD does not anticipate any immediate openings, OPD is willing to accept applications for all counties in order to identify interested parties if openings become available in the future. A full list of PRP counties may be found at www.opd.wa.gov/PRP-home.htm.

The contract caseload for a full time attorney is approximately 80 cases with an approximate annual compensation of \$102,000-122,400. Part time attorney position compensation is pro-rated based on a percentage of a full time caseload. Compensation includes all overhead such as support staff, rent, and other costs of doing business. Compensation is dependent on experience. If interested, follow the application procedures below.

Qualifications

The following qualifications are required:

- ❖ Licensed member of good standing with the Washington State Bar.
- ❖ Experience representing a party in a dependency or termination case.
- ❖ History of providing excellent representation to clients.
- ❖ Able to communicate well with indigent clients; be familiar with RCW 13.34 and court rules pertaining to dependency and termination cases.

Application Procedure

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled or by Friday, June 7, 2013, whichever is sooner. To apply, email or fax a letter of interest identifying your qualifications and caseload preference, a resume, and three references. Letters of interest should also describe applicant's current contracts for public defense or other representation as well as existing caseload, specifying the number of your current dependency and termination cases, if any.

Send materials to:

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OPD reserves the right to amend this Request for Qualifications and reserves the right to refrain from contracting with any and all applicants. This Request for Qualifications does not obligate the state of Washington or OPD to contract for the services specified here.